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SUBJECT: BRANDT VISIT TO YUGOSLAVIA

1. SUMMARY. YUGOSLAVS PULLED OUT ALL STOPS IN WELCOMING CHANCELLOR BRANDT AS EUROPEAN PEACEMAKER AND STATESMAN. OUTSTANDING MUTUAL PROBLEMS SUCH AS INDEMNIFICATION WERE NOT ALLOWED TO INTRUDE TO ANY DEGREE INTO EUPHORIC ATMOSPHERE OF VISIT. IMPRESSION LEFT WAS THAT YUGOSLAVS LOOK TO WEST GERMAN LEADER AS THEIR BEST FRIEND IN WESTERN EUROPE AND SPECIAL ADVOCATE IN THEIR DEALINGS WITH EUROPEAN COMMUNITY ESPECIALLY. END SUMMARY.

2. STAGE FOR BRANDT WELCOME WAS SET BY PRESS CAMPAIGN WHICH WAS UNPRECEDENTED, SO FAR AS WE ARE AWARE, IN WARMTH OF TREAT-MENT ACCORDED GERMAN CHANCELLOR PERSONALLY AS MAN OF PEACE, PRIME AUTHOR OF DETENTE IN EUROPE AND THOROUGHGOING EUROPEAN. ALTHOUGH TECHNICALLY GUEST OF DZEMAL BIJEDIC, PRESIDENT OF FEDERAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (CABINET), MOST SIGNIFICANT PART OF BRANDT' S OFFICIAL VISIT (APRIL 16-19) WAS HIS TWO DAYS
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ON BRIONI AS GUEST OF TITO. ON FIRST DAY TWO LEADERS SPENT TWO HOURS TALKING ALONE, ACCORDING TO PRESS MOSTLY ABOUT MIDDLE EAST AND EUROPEAN SECURITY.

3. JOINT COMMUNIQUE PUBLISHED APRIL 20 PRESS PRODUCED NO SURPRISES. DETENTE AND EUROPEAN SECURITY DESCRIBED AS CENTRAL THEME OF TALKS. AS IN PAST, YUGOSLAVS UNDERLINED THEIR CONCERN THAT FUTURE AGREEMENTS ON ARMS REDUCTIONS IN CENTRAL EUROPE NOT AFFECT ADVERSLY SITUATION IN ANY OTHER PART OF EUROPE (READ BALKANS). TWO SIDES AGREED TO STEP UP THEIR COOPERATION ON PREVENTING TERRORISM. CHANCELLOR MADE PROPER OBEISANCES IN DIRECTION OF NONALIGNMENT.

4. COMMUNIQUE AND PRESS COVERAGE EMPHASIZED EXTENSIVE NATURE OF FRG- GOY BILATERAL RELATIONS IN TRADE, INVESTMENT, SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL FIELDS; COMMUNIQUE SAID THEY WERE MOTIVE POWER FOR OVERALL RELATIONS. TWO SIDES AGREED MORE INTENSIVE EFFORTS HAD TO BE MADE TO DECREASE LARGE YUGOSLAV TRADE DEFICIT WITH FRG, SPECIFICALLY THROUGH (A) INDUSTRIAL CO-PRODUCTION, (B) COOPERATION AMONG GERMAN AND YUGOSLAV INDUSTRIES ON THIRD COUNTRY MARKETS, AND (C) INCREASED YUGOSLAV EXPORTS TO FRG.

5. BRANDT REPORTEDLY TOLD BIJEDIC THAT POSSIBILITIES FOR EXPANDING COOPERATION SHOULD NOT BE VIEWED ONLY IN FRAMEWORK OF BILATERAL RELATIONS; GOY SHOULD ALSO SEEK TO INCREASE YUGOSLAV PARTICIPATION IN EUROPEAN COMMUNITY. BRANDT SAID FRG SUPPORTS EFFORTS AIMED AT GREATER YUGOSLAV COOPERATION WITH EC COUNTRIES. SAID HE FAVORED NON- PREFERENTIAL TRADE ARRANGEMENT WITH THIRD COUNTRIES, INCLUDING DEVELOPING ONES.

6. ALTHOUGH CONTINUING PROBLEM OF GERMAN INDEMNIFICATION TO YUGOSLAV VICTIMS OF WORLD WAR II REFERRED TO IN PRESS COVERAGE OF TALKS, SUBJECT DID NOT APPEAR IN COMMUNIQUE. THAT DOCUMENT MERELY NOTED THAT OUTSTANDING QUESTIONS OF MUTUAL CONCERN CAN BE SOLVED ONLY ON BASIS OF THEIR RELATIONSHIP OF INCREASED TRUST IN A WAY SATISFACTORY TO INTERESTS OF BOTH SIDES.

7. COMMUNIQUE STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF GUARANTEEING BEST POSSIBLE LIVING CONDITIONS AND SOCIAL SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS FOR YUGOSLAV WORKERS. IT WAS DISCLOSED ACCORD HAD BEEN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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REACHED ON SETTING UP ENTERPRISES IN THOSE AREAS OF YUGOSLAVIA

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FROM WHICH MOST WORKERS IN FRG HAVE COME (AND TO WHICH BOTH GOVERNMENTS HOPE THEY WILL BE RETURNING IN DUE COURSE).

8. COMMENT: LCY PRESIDIUM MEMBER BAKARIC TOLD FORMER AMBASSADOR KENNAN APRIL 18 THAT FRG BANK DEPOSITS OF YUGO-SLAV WORKERS WOULD BE USED (THROUGH FRG AUSPICES) TO FINANCE JOINT GERMAN- YUGOSLAV VENTURES HERE. BAKARIC HAD NOT, HOWEVER, SAID ANYTHING ABOUT THESE JOINT VENTURES BEING AIMED AT THOSE AREAS SENDING BULK OF WORKERS TO FRG.

9. KRSKO NUCLEAR POWER PROJECT NOT MENTIONED IN PRESS ACCOUNTS OF VISIT, BUT WE CAN SAFELY ASSUME SUBJECT CAME UP.

10. IMPRESSION LEFT BY WAY YUGOSLAVS HAVE PLAYED BRANDT VISIT IS THAT GERMAN CHANCELLOR IS THEIR BEST FRIEND IN WESTERN EUROPE, THAT HE PLAYS SPECIAL ROLE IN SUPPORTING YUGOSLAV INTERESTS IN WESTERN FORUMS, AND THAT HE CAN BE COUNTED ON TO DO SO IN FUTURE. BRANDT DID NOTHING TO DIS-COURAGE IMAGE OF HIMSELF AS ADVOCATE FOR YUGOSLAVIA, PARTICULARLY WHEN HE COMMENTED THAT WHILE GERMANS WHOLEHART-EDLY SUPPORT YUGOSLAVS' CAUSE INSIDE EC SOME OTHER EC MEMBERS DO NOT.
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